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Life's Greatest Question

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"If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"—I Pet. 4:18.

We are called upon to answer many questions in this life, but life's greatest question is, Where will you spend eternity? What will you do with Christ? Let us look for awhile at the Apostle Peter's terrifying question. First Peter 4:18, seems to divide itself into three sections. Notice: First, God's Word places all mankind into two classes. Second, God's Word says the righteous (the saved ones) are scarcely

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Rev. James V. Lamb

Keeping these verses in mind,

Three Cleansings You Need

By EVANGELIST LENNARD DARBEE
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"After this there was a feast of the Jews: and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue, Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, 'Wilt thou be made whole?'"—John 5:1-6.

Here is one of the strangest stories in the Bible, one that for years amazed me with its seeming brutality. Think of it—a man sick for thirty-eight years, and then to have Jesus ask him if he really wants to be made well! Instinctively we recoil, but there may be a spiritual counterpart in your life so let us carefully examine the story.

Here is a man helpless for thir-

ty-eight years and seemingly never reconciled to his condition. He is still by the pool where he had come years before. There was a time when he expected healing at most any hour, but the days had passed into weeks, into months, into years. The visits of his friends became fewer and fewer until the pool of promise became a dungeon of despair.

The worst time of the year was that when a national festival was in progress. Then his misery was accentuated as, beyond the porticoes, he heard the music of the temple feast. Then one day a strange hope was born in his breast: A new prophet had arisen with remarkable healing power and men said that as many as touched Him were made whole. The hope died on second thought. A prophet seeking to leave his impression on the national life would not pause by the human junk-pile of Bethesda. He would head straight for the temple.

While he considered these things a casual passerby leaned over him and asked, "Do you really want to be made whole?" That stops us when we know that it is Jesus.



Rev. Lennard Darbee

REVIVALS BREWING IN THE CAROLINAS!

Editor Returns From a Brief Tour of the Carolinas Where Pastors, Laymen and Evangelists Working With THE SWORD OF THE LORD Hope to See City-Wide Union Revivals in All Principal Cities and Towns of North and South Carolina Next Fall

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

On Easter Sunday night, April 6, this editor boarded a big four-motored, DC-4 plane of the American Airlines at 9:30 p. m. after the blessed closing service of the San Pedro city-wide revival campaign. At 9:15 the next morning, after only one stop, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, we arrived in Chicago. At 12:30 noon I embarked on another plane for Nashville, Tennessee, and there a chartered ship carried me across the mountains 265 miles, to Asheville, North Carolina.

A car rushed me to the closing minutes of a dinner given for pastors and laymen and then we went to the Asheville City Auditorium where some 1,100 people gathered. It was the first of a week of one-night stands this editor had in North Carolina, helping prepare the way for the two-state-wide campaigns of union revivals planned for the fall months. On the invitation of the National Laymen's Association, with headquarters at Charlotte, THE SWORD OF THE LORD agreed to help supervise the setting up of union campaigns in the Carolinas in every city where pastors and

churches wanted such a union campaign during the fall months.

At Asheville there were, I suppose, fifteen or eighteen preachers in the service. Dr. Bob Jones had been there the preceding week with one church, and closing with a great crowd in the public auditorium. The reaction was very friendly and we believe a tremendous united revival campaign will be planned by pastors and laymen, with the cooperation of the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association and THE SWORD OF THE LORD advance men. Mr. Vernon Patterson, national president of the Laymen's group, having about 150 groups of laymen in eleven south-eastern states, was present in the meeting and introduced me.

Tuesday night Mr. Bill Mann, formerly aeronautical engineer, now with me in charge of advance work and campaign organization, went with me to Winston-Salem where a crowd estimated at 750 nearly filled the Salem Baptist Church of which Rev. Charles Stevens, president of Piedmont Bible Institute, is pastor. Here we had a most cordial reception. Some twenty or twenty-five ministers were present and many of them stayed for a late meeting of counsel and discussion. A committee was appointed to do preliminary exploration and enlistment, and most of the Bible-

believing churches in town are already committed to go into such a large union campaign. This will include practically all the Baptist churches and many others.

Wednesday night we were at Durham, North Carolina. Mr. V. V. Vashaw, local president of the Laymen's Evangelistic Association, had arranged for me to present the matter of a union revival carefully to Baptist pastors of the city gathered in noon luncheon. Here we had a delightful fellowship with nearly unanimous agreement of opinion for such a revival. At 3:00 o'clock a meeting of interested ministers from all denominations in the Y.M.C.A. turned out to be equally concerned for such a revival as we have in mind. That night, though it was prayer meeting night and most of the principal churches were preparing for simultaneous local church revival campaigns to begin the following week, a good crowd gathered in the Carr Junior High Auditorium to hear me speak on revival. A committee was appointed to check on available auditoriums and to see about further enlistment and in due time to call the interested ministers and workers together for organization and to find God's appointed evangelist.

Thursday night I was the dinner guest of some twenty-five ministers

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NECESSITY OF REPENTANCE

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"And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—Luke 24:46, 47.

Never ascribe to God the low notions of men and think that He delights in vengeance. God has no delight in the death of the wicked, so He tells us in both Ezekiel and Isaiah. For that reason He has provided a way of escape and salvation from the wages of sin, which is death. God has provided that if you will repent of your sin, no matter what that sin, He will forgive you and restore you to respectability and give you, through His Son, the promise of eternal life. It is glorious thing to know that no matter what our sin, God is willing to forgive us if we will just repent.

A Great Theme of the Bible

Repentance is one of the great themes of the Bible. It is mentioned by all the prophets. It was the forerunner's theme, for we read; "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching, . . . saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:1, 2). Christ began His ministry with this theme. It was the commission of the twelve. The Apostles, each one, preached repentance. The

Book of the Revelation gives two chapters on the necessity of repentance by the seven churches of Asia. This message is the only hope for the day in which we live. Repentance is not only one of the great themes of the Bible, but it

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saved. Then, third, "Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

God's Classification and Division of Mankind

Let us look for a moment at God's classification and division of mankind. The Holy Spirit, speaking through God's Word, places all into two classes: those who are righteous and those who are ungodly.

"But Preacher," someone says, "Man can be divided into red, yellow, black and white." Yes, but even though man may be divided into four colors, all are sinners and need to be saved, regardless of color. The message of the Gospel is for the whole world. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). The Great Commission is, . . . "into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). John 3:16 tells of a world-loving God, sending His only begotten Son to die for the world, that whosoever in the whole wide world who will believe on Him can be saved. Everybody in the world, regardless of color, is in one of two classes spiritually — righteous or ungodly.

"But wait a minute, Preacher," someone seems to say, "don't you think people can be divided according to economic status: into poor, middle class and wealthy?" That is true, but remember the dear Saviour spoke to the blind beggar and urged him to be saved, just as He did to the rich farmer and the rich young ruler. The Lord Jesus died for the "up and outs" as well as the "down and outs." The poor man does not go to Heaven because he is poor, nor does the rich man go to Hell because he is rich. They are both ungodly, "because they have not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). They can both be saved by repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Don't trust in social or economic position for salvation, for our Lord said, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Mark 8:36, 37).

Another might say, "What about education? Couldn't man be divided on that basis? There are those who are illiterate; those who have finished eight grades; those who have gone to high school; and some who have gone through college and back for post-graduate work." True, these divisions do exist, but the man who must mark an "X" instead of his name because he cannot write, needs Christ just as much as the doctor of philosophy with a string of degrees after his name. You are neither saved or unsaved, righteous or ungodly because of education, or the lack of it. Listen to Paul in Corinthians, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craft-

iness" (I Cor. 3:19).

The Apostle Paul, inspired of the blessed Holy Spirit, stated the great truth that all are sinners, in Romans 5:12: "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." So, unsaved friend, no matter what your color, economic status, or education or wealth, you are in just one of two classes, righteous or ungodly. Which of these two classes you are determines your eternal destiny in heaven or hell.

After a service recently a man came and asked me the question, "Who are the righteous and ungodly?"

The "righteous," I tried to explain, "are not those who by good deeds or good works became righteous. Many people," I went on to explain, "are trying to be righteous by a 'moral life' or by 'doing good deeds' or by 'living by the golden rule.' These traits are commendable, but you can't become righteous by outward means; it takes an inward regeneration."

Jeremiah said, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). You need a new heart, a change of heart. Only a new heart results in true Bible righteousness being imputed to us. Someone has said, "The heart of all our trouble is the heart." Nothing you or I can do by the works of the flesh will make us righteous according to the Bible standard. Isaiah said, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6). The unsaved man or woman is not unsaved because he is a blasphemer, a thief or a murderer. He is condemned because "he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). Likewise one is not saved by doing "righteous deeds" or by living a "moral life;" but is saved by "believing in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Oh, dear friend, I beg you to see this great truth now and realize what an awful sinner you are. Realize that all kind of sin comes from the wicked, black heart of the unregenerate man or woman, boy or girl. The root of all sin is the heart.

The best illustration I can give you of real Bible righteousness and salvation are from some of Paul's letters: first, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:21). Do you see it? Our dear Lord "took upon himself the form of a servant" and lived without sin. He never did sin. He was born without sin, by a supernatural birth. God "made him (Christ) to be sin for us, who (Christ) knew no sin." God's Son died for our sins. He had the sins of the whole world on Him, but no sin in Him. Our Lord could die for sin and sinners because, "He knew no sin." We are saved through Christ's death and resurrection, and have His righteousness imputed to us through death and resurrection, and have His righteousness imputed to us through faith.

Listen to another Bible passage from one of Paul's epistles, "But to him that worketh not (you are not made righteous or saved by good deeds) but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works" (Rom. 4:5, 6). God's righteousness, or salvation, is a gift. Salvation takes place first in the sinner's heart and is inward, as Paul says, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:10). Salvation is an inward regeneration that results in outward works. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8, 9). (This is the inward change and regeneration. The next verse, very sel-

dom quoted but very important, is the outworking, or the "working out" of the salvation and righteousness within us.) "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:9).

With all of my soul I urge you now to pray with Paul that you might "be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Phil. 3:9).

Without Christ's righteousness through the new birth you are ungodly. Think of it: Christ died for you. Christ died for the ungodly. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." Your destiny in Hell is sealed unless you accept Christ; "For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish" (Psa. 1:6). Christ is coming "to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him" (Jude 15).

The Righteous Are Scarcely Saved

Listen now to God's Holy Spirit as He convicts you of sin and come now to Christ because our text says that the righteous are scarcely saved. What does Peter mean by this unusual statement?

Does Peter mean that the saved are "scarcely saved" because they just barely make it to Heaven? No! No! The question is not one of persevering at all, for we are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (I Pet. 1:5). What does this passage mean, then, if not eternal security? Perhaps Peter has in mind that the righteous are scarcely saved because there is only one life in which we can be saved.

One life to be saved in, and we are not sure how long we will live in this one life. As we live in this fast age of speed, no one can be sure how long he will live. Well might everyone pray with the psalmist, "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psa. 90:12). Nowhere in all Scripture does God's Word reveal any hope of second chance to be saved after this life ends. Be saved now in this life or never. Everywhere in God's Word salvation is mentioned in the present tense, that is, "Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Cor. 6:2).

You must be born twice or die twice. You must be born again. Take Jesus into your heart and answer yes to life's greatest question. When first the dear Holy Spirit convicts you, turn to Jesus and receive Him into your heart. Oh, the importance of being saved as soon as possible!

In a recent revival a dear Christian mother came forward on the invitation with her daughter, twelve years old. What a glorious experience to see this twelve year old girl accept Christ and have Christ come into her heart! After the service the mother began to weep as she told of her little son who just a few months before, during Christmas week, had been accidentally killed when the father had to stop the car suddenly because of another car, and the child was thrown against the dash-board of the car. She told me how the little boy often talked of Jesus and going to Heaven and his conversion. Tearfully, and with a sob in her voice and heart, she said, "My little boy wanted to come forward many times and confess Christ, but I thought he was too young. Brother Lamb, do you think he was saved?" I tried as best I could to assure her that from all indications the child had been saved. But she still seemed distressed that the boy had been taken so quickly and so young: then with joy in her voice and on her face she said when her little daughter found Christ, "Oh, I'm so glad she came and has taken her stand publicly, that she has been saved tonight!" Nine years old and taken from this life. He was

"scarcely saved." Only one life to be saved in and then we are not sure when we may go out into eternity.

Perhaps Peter also meant by this phrase, "scarcely saved," that God's Word reveals only one Saviour. The Devil has fooled lots of folks on this point. Many false plans of salvation, but only one Saviour. That is why those who are saved are "scarcely saved."

With many times you and I have heard, "It doesn't make any difference what you believe as long as you are sincere." Or, "I think all religions are good. If one believes in Confucius, or Buddha or Mohammed, or is a Mason—it doesn't make any difference: all roads lead to Heaven." Again you have heard, "As long as a man tries his best and does the best he knows how and lives by the golden rule, he will get to Heaven." These phrases that I have given you are absolutely unscriptural, and to hold to them as truth is to be carried down to Hell unsaved. Mind you, I am not talking about denominations. Denominations may differ on minor points, but all Bible denominations believe that Jesus Christ is the only Saviour. You may be ever so sincere but sincerity of belief does not mean you are a born-again believer. Solomon said in Proverbs, "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 16:25).

Jesus said in that beautiful sermon on Heaven, "I am the way, [not a way among many ways] the truth [not a system of philosophy among the philosophies of the world, but the truth] and the life" (John 14:6). I care not what church or denomination you belong to: if you believe that Jesus and Jesus only is "the way, the truth, and the life," you believe the Bible way. But if you think that it does not make any difference what one believes; just as long as he is sincere he will go to Heaven, then you are absolutely wrong. Everybody who was ever saved or will be saved has been saved through believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. Christians are "scarcely saved," because there are so many false ways, but only one Saviour to save. "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole."

Now notice carefully, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10, 12). Over fifty years ago now, Charles H. Gabriel, the song writer, let flow from his heart the sublime gospel song, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." In it he expresses in poetry and music that Jesus is the only way.

I must needs go home by the way of the Cross,
There's no other way but this;

I shall ne'er get sight of the Gates of Light,

If by the way of the Cross I miss.

There are many detours to Hell, but only one straight and narrow way to Heaven. The "broad way" to destruction has many on it, and only a few find the "narrow way." Come now and trust Jesus, the only way, and be saved. Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be [scarcely saved] that find it" (Matt. 7:13, 14). Come now in this one life to the one Saviour, by the one way.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

Where Shall the Ungodly and the Sinner Appear?

What is going to happen to those who are not saved? How will it be made manifest and where shall it be revealed that they have not been cleansed in the blood of Christ? Our text says, "Where shall the ungodly

and the sinner appear?"

You may scoff and make fun now. You may think you can fool people, but there is coming a time when it will be made manifest that you are not saved and are ungodly.

Notice the last word of this important question, the word "appear." We might say, where shall sinners be manifested? Where will it be "manifested"? Where will it "appear" that they are ungodly? Let me illustrate it this way. Two or three years ago I was with a group that visited the central police station in St. Louis. We visited on Monday morning. As we toured the building we saw all the modern methods of crime detection and crime protection, we were finally led into the "show up" room. In the "show up" room the people arrested the night before were viewed by the police and by people that had had crimes committed against them. The officer called our attention to a platform or stage with a curtain separating the room we were in from the room behind the curtain. Other people were taking seats in the room, and then the lights were turned off in our room and the bright lights behind the curtain were turned on. The officer explained that, soon, the people who had been arrested over the weekend would come to the lighted stage. Then he said, "We can see every distinguishing feature about them, but they can't see us. This is the "show-up."

One day, unsaved friend, you are going to be "shown-up." You must some day be manifested or appear before the Great White Throne. Only unsaved people will stand before the throne. There every knee shall bow. You refused to bow your stubborn will here. Hear John the beloved describe it: "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Rev. 20:12).

The rich and poor, the great and small will all stand before God at the Great White Throne. Every sinful act you ever committed, and every sinful thought will be spread before you and you will be judged from the books. You will be punished according to your works. Yes, there will be degrees of punishment in Hell, just as there will be degrees of rewards in Heaven.

Hear the aged apostle describe this awful scene again: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire" (Rev. 20:15).

Where shall it appear that you are ungodly and a sinner? At the Great White Throne! Not only will it be manifested there but even before this event it will be manifested at your funeral. No one can, or should judge whether another is saved or not. Only you and the Lord knew whether you are saved or not. But, at your funeral it will be manifested that you never made a profession, never joined the church, never

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brought joy to your loved ones hearts as they saw you make a public profession. As far as an outward profession of an inward regeneration, you never did it. When your obituary is read by the preacher, that part will be left out. Yes, you were a good person, a good neighbor, kind and considerate; but the most important question in life, you never came out openly and made a confession of your faith in Christ.

Many times I have stood at the head of a casket as the friends and loved ones passed by and then heard the sobs of a dear Christian man or woman as they leaned over the casket and sobbed, "We don't know if he was saved or not! We will never, never see him again!" Don't let this happen in your case. Come now and receive eternal life, forgiveness, and peace that passeth all understanding.

But even before the Great White Throne and at your funeral, it will be manifest that you are not saved. It will be manifest on your death bed that you are not saved.

During the years in the pastorate I stood beside the beds of many as they went out into eternity. I have had it demonstrated over and over that only Christians can die victoriously. To the Apostle Paul, as to countless Christians down to this hour, death is just "to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord" (II Cor. 5:8). Many times God's saints, even before they depart, are allowed a glimpse of the Glory land.

Down in Alabama a sweet Christian mother lay dying. Her daughter and other friends and loved ones had gathered to be with her during the last moments of over eighty years sojourn on earth. During the last moments her face lighted up with the radiance of Heaven as she called her daughter to her side. "Honey" she said, "I hear the angels singing, and the music is beautiful. I, I, see your daddy (who had gone on years before to be with the Lord) and your daddy says to tell you . . ." She never finished. She went to be with the Lord. Her daughter told my wife and me later, "I would have given anything I own to have heard what my daddy wanted to tell me!" This scene just pictured has been duplicated over and over. Perhaps not just the same conversation, but saints of God many times have had a foretaste of Heaven. It is glorious to be a child of God and not have to cross Jordan alone.

But, before I close, I have to show you the other side, one who died unsaved. It is not a pretty picture, but I must warn you. A friend of mine as a young man

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disobeyed the Lord and married an unsaved girl. Years passed and he was never able to win her. In fact, she became worse and worse. She was blasphemous in her remarks about the Bible and about the Lord Jesus. It seemed as though she took delight in grieving her husband by her antagonism against the Christian life and the Lord's work. Late in life he felt the call of God for a special field of service. His wife made home life almost unbearable after he accepted the call. While her husband was away in a revival she became ill and was rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. Her husband was called and he rushed to her bedside just before she went out into eternity. He said, "As long as I live I will never forget what went on in that room. I tried again to get her to be saved, but she refused. As she went out into eternity she was crying and screaming, 'Take me out of the flames! Take me out of the flames!'"

Where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? On your death bed. At your funeral and at the Great White Throne.

If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Dear friend, give your heart to Jesus right now if you have never been saved. Bow your head, pray from your heart the publican's prayer, "God be merciful to me a sinner," and the dear Saviour will come in and clothe you in His righteousness as you receive Him and believe on Him.

joy some of the messages. Forget all that! You are still on your way to Hell, and the question I am asking now is, "Do you really want to be made whole?" For those who mean business, God has three cleansings. You say, "I thought only one cleansing was needed." No, there are three! One cleansing is when one gets saved. The other two are for children of God. We shall consider them one at a time and then the bases for the cleansings.

The Complete Cleansing

By the complete cleansing we mean the cleansing of the soul from guilt. By guilt we do not imply immorality nor criminality. We mean that with a war on, and issues of life and death at stake, you are on the wrong side. The other day the Yugoslavian government shot General Mihailovich. He had stolen no one's wife, robbed no banks, forged no checks. His sin as that in a death struggle he had opposed the purpose and program of the government. Your worst sin is not adultery nor stealing. Your worst sin is the way you treat Jesus. In Matthew 12:30 He said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he

that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." With Christ there is no half-way business: You have either received Him as your Saviour or you are opposing Him.

Guilt and depravity are not the same. The murderer may repent and become pure, but he must still suffer for his sin. Guilt is the instinctive feeling that sin ought to be and will be punished, and the soul has no rest until the debt is paid.

The other day while I was in Vancouver, Canada, a man entered a village a few miles to the north and confessed to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police a murderer which had remained unsolved for eighteen years. That is guilt. Not the "wounds and bruises and putrefying sores" of Isaiah, but the fear of Cain, the remorse of Esau.

In 1891, Lars Ostendahl, the most famous preacher in Norway, shocked his congregation by confessing that he, himself, had been immoral. He asked them for Christ's sake to forgive him, but stated that he could no longer retain the pastorate. A sense of guilt told him that, especially in a pastor, such a sin could not go unpunished.

In the famous Pittsburgh Axe Trial of years ago one convict had killed another with an axe. As the judge was explaining to the jury the difference between first and second degree murder, the defendant electrified the courtroom by crying out, "No, this was not second degree murder. I planned it, and I ought to hang!"

Every man needs cleansing from guilt, and the moment a man trusts Christ his soul can stand unashamed in the presence of a holy God. The cleansing is final and complete. His guilt is gone! So then, loss, and not Hell's torment, is the supreme penalty for Christians.

The Continuous Cleansing

Not only must the soul be cleansed from guilt, but the character of one already saved needs to be cleansed from defilement. This necessitates a continuous cleansing. Upon stepping into Christ one does not step into personal perfection. One may grow in knowledge and in grace, but not naturally. Our Lord told Peter that unless He washed Peters' feet, Peter would have no part with Him. He did not say no part in Him. He had already told Peter that his name was written in Heaven. Peter was in Him, footwashing or not, but he would have no part with Him—no fellowship, no testimony, no real amount of fruitbearing. When Peter asked that his hands and face be washed too, our Lord replied in effect, "You have had your bath. You can come to Calvary only once. That cleansing was complete and final, but you do need a continuous cleansing for your daily walk."

Let me sound a warning. You cannot grow in grace by the formation of holy habits. Every step of progress you make will be by coming to Christ afresh and by acts of faith appropriating what you need in Him. Yielding is the key. The path to practical sanctification is through yielding.

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Three Cleanings You Need

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tification is not by self-effort, but by self-renunciation.

The Critical Cleansing

One other cleansing is vital. In times of spiritual crisis the conscience must be cleansed from accusations. No man can live long in the sight of all his sins. When conscience speaks, we are aware that we are not to be pitied, but to be blamed, and the external agony of Hell itself will be but a cooling flame in comparison to the agony of remorse. Plato once said that there was no need to prove the existence of God, that "God holds the soul by its very roots." Every man born into this world is born into the presence of a real righteousness. Even a child knows when it does wrong. Locked within the breast of every man is that something—that continual and supreme demand that right be done. Once we have ceased to obey it, the power that has ceased to move us retreats to observe us and there is no escape. Its rewards are the greatest, its punishments the severest that the human soul can endure.

II. The Bases of Cleansing

And now to the main point of this message: How can these cleanings be obtained? What is the basis for each? What agent makes each effective?

Cleansing the Soul

The soul can be cleansed from guilt only by the shed blood of Christ. There is no other way. It is the blood which atones for the soul and "Without shedding of blood is no remission." Romans 3:25 speaks of Christ "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood." Without faith in that blood you have no cleansing, no claim on God. Ephesians 1:7 sings the same refrain: "Redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins." The Scripture is full of it: No blood, no forgiveness.

A Roman Catholic girl lay dying in interminable anguish of soul. Her brother, having raced across the country to reach her bedside in time, found that her terror was due to fear of purgatory. In terror she kept crying, "I can't stand it! I'll never be able to! Oh the flames, the flames of purgatory!" Quietly the young man opened her own Bible to I John 1:7: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." He held her to those words, all sin until the light broke and she settled back in peace. Since His blood cleansed from all sin there could be no purgatory.

As a matter of fact, the nearest we come to "purgatory" in the entire Bible is Hebrews 1:3 where we read that Christ Himself "purged" our sins. That word "purged" is a Greek word from which we get the word, "cauterized." It means literally, "to burn up." His blood burned up all our sins. Hebrews 12:14 puts it, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." That settles it. Our Lord forever removed the guilt of sin and that cleansing needs no repetition.

Cleansing the Character

Now as to the character: The character is cleansed from defilement by the operation of the Holy Spirit. As the blood was the agent for cleansing the soul, so He is the agent for cleansing the character. Second Corinthians 3:18, "But we all, with open face, reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord."

The greatest palace in the world today is in Versailles, France. In its Hall of Mirrors where the Armistice was signed for World War One, there stands the bronze statue of Louis XIV. Every mirror in the hall is angled to reflect that great central image, with the result that it is reflected hundreds of times. So in our lives: Put Christ in the center of your thinking and keep Him there, and the blessed Holy Spirit will change you into the same image from glory to glory until you reflect Him in a hundred different ways.

Well, what is God's glory? It

isn't some kind of a halo. When Moses cried, "Show me, I beseech thee, thy glory," God instructed him to stand in a cave entrance, and said "I will cause all my goodness to pass before thee." God's glory is His goodness, His character, His moral perfection. Now let me read it again: "But we all, with open face reflecting as a mirror the character of the Lord, are changed into the same image from character to character, as by the Spirit of the Lord."

The Spirit most effectively administers His cleansing as we read and meditate upon the Word which He has inspired. In Gethsemane Christ prayed to the Father, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." In uncivilized lands the women beat out their laundries on the rocks of a running stream and, as they pound their clothes against the rocks, the brook carries the defilement away. The Word of God is flowing like a cleansing river through this congregation now and as you meditate upon it and obey it, the blessed Spirit changes you more and more into the likeness of Christ.

Cleansing the Conscience

Now for the difficult part: The conscience can be cleansed from accusations only one way: It is all based on the one word, confess. Proverbs 28:13 tells us, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." You are to confess to God your sins against God and to man your sins against man, and must forsake them all.

Things are not going well with you. Nothing turns out right. You have no inner peace. Certainly not! You are covering your sins and God won't let you be happy. The same is true of a church, and that is our difficulty here. For some days now I have been aware that something is standing in the way. All hell on the outside cannot prevent a revival. The difficulty is sin in the camp! This church has a great corps of praying folks, and they have been down to business, day after day. The pastor is a man of God. Souls have been saved, yes, but nothing like what could be if the channels were clear. I wouldn't want to stand before God in the day of judgment knowing that I stood in the way of the forward march of this pastor and the entire church, yet there are Christians, so-called, who for some one rotten lust will block the whole program of God.

Years ago in Texas I went to hear a preacher who could preach like a house afire, but was told that no one was being saved at his church. That stopped me for I knew him to be a man of God. I knew him personally and he lived what he preached. The service that day was one I shall never forget. He preached with deadly earnestness, but one could sense a deadness in the congregation. Suddenly he stopped short and said, in effect, "I can't go on. For months I have done my best. I've prayed, I've wept, I've searched my own heart. Something's holding up revival in this church. If I'm at fault, point it out to me now. I mean it. Stand right where you are and tell me if I'm doing anything wrong or if I've hurt anyone, but for Christ's sake let's not hinder God's program any longer."

A woman stood and cried out, "Pastor, do you really want to know what's holding up revival? Well, I am! Just across the aisle sits another woman to whom I haven't spoken for months. I have not had the spirit of Christ. I want to ask her forgiveness right now!" Never shall I forget it—the women hugging each other, the joy on the pastor's face, the church in tears, and, when the invitation was given, the unsaved streaming down the aisles until the front of the church was lined with them.

My friends, do you really want to be made whole? You need all three cleanings, and there can be no peace without the last.

Do you really want to be made whole? If you do, come clean with God right now. Peace will

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ters and as many lay-workers in Charlotte, where we answered questions and where, on the unanimous request of the pastors and laymen present, a committee of five leading ministers was appointed to plan with the laymen's committee about the time, place, and speaker for such a city-wide union revival. Evangelist Billy Graham had that day returned from England where he had a wonderfully blessed revival tour under Youth for Christ auspices. We have some hope that Charlotte, his home city, will invite him for a union campaign, but properly, of course, the pastors and churches must find the will of God on such a matter. We believe they will find God's will, and do it.

That night I spoke to a tremendous crowd in the First Baptist Church, Dr. Warren, pastor, and the reception was wonderful. Preachers were present from far and near. Dr. Eno Wall, famous and anointed minister of Shelby, North Carolina, was present and led in prayer.

Dr. Powers, pastor of the leading Methodist church of the city, graciously consented to serve on the revival promotion committee. A number of greatly used Presbyterian pastors were present and Dr. Albert Sidney Johnson, Bible teacher and former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte.

Friday night I preached in Raleigh in the North Street Baptist Church. A good committee headed by Chief Johnson of the State Bureau of Investigation, a distinguished Christian laymen, with two leading pastors, was left to do preliminary exploration. An advance man will be sent to help over the hard places in enlisting pastors, helping to find suitable auditorium facilities, acceptable time, etc. When details are worked out and the interested groups of pastors and laymen come together to organize for the campaign, they will go more fully into the matter of what evangelist, of the distinguished and proven soul winners available, will be invited.

Dr. Roland R. Stoker, executive secretary of the National Laymen's Association, drove me to Raleigh and the next day to Reidsville. We had delightful fellowship.

At Reidsville, Saturday noon, some forty-five or fifty pastors and laymen were gathered in the First Christian Church for luncheon, served by the ladies, to greet Dr. Stoker and me. After a lovely dinner I spoke to those present about our two-state plans for union revival campaigns and received the heartiest hearing. A committee of pastors, with one layman, representing different denominations, was formed to make further plans of enlistment and promotion of such a union campaign. The details of renting the Armory, helping get the mind of the Lord on the evangelist they should obtain, etc., will be worked out soon. That night over 400 were gathered in the City Auditorium, including preachers from Mount Airy, Longhurst, and a number of nearby places.

Sunday morning I preached in the Baptist Church of Longhurst and that afternoon to a good crowd gathered in the same building for a weekly half-hour broadcast. At noon eighteen of us gathered around tables for a turkey dinner, with Southern hospitality, in the Roxboro Hotel, and six leading ministers of the Longhurst-Roxboro adjoining cities planned to go further into preparation for such a union campaign as I had suggested. Evangelist Jesse Hendley was to be with them the following Sunday.

Sunday night Bill Mann and I were driven to Winston-Salem. Dr.

flood into your heart and God will work in this church in a mighty way. Until you do, nothing will turn out right, for, "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." How many will come clean with God right now?

Harrison M. Pierce and Mrs. Pierce, who had driven in from Toronto, Canada, to help Bill Mann in the set-up work, went to Burlington, North Carolina, for plans there. Bill Mann and I attended the great First Baptist Church in Winston-Salem for the Sunday evening sermon. At 2:18 a.m. I caught a plane to Detroit and arrived home early Monday morning. It was a blessed week, a strenuous week, but one of the most thrilling experiences I have had in many a day. God is going to send great revivals!

Aims for Carolina Campaigns

Briefly let me summarize our aims for these campaigns in the Carolinas.

1. Each union campaign will be run by the cooperating pastors and churches, and by the evangelists they select. The campaigns will not be independent campaigns. They will be sponsored by sound groups of Bible-believing churches and to strengthen such pastors and churches. Definite plans are made so that such cooperating churches will have every opportunity to

the campaigns, the advance work of enlisting pastors and churches, organizing campaign committees, setting up a reasonable local budget of expenses, helping secure evangelists selected by the pastors, etc., provided this is the will of the local group. We only plan to help, not to dictate.

The laymen of the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association will cooperate thoroughly in the campaign. They will be of tremendous help in enlisting their pastors, in serving on committees with the pastors. The laymen will not try to dominate the meetings. They are agreed with the evangelists who cooperate with THE SWORD OF THE LORD that God's unit for Christian work in the local committee in the local church and that pastors of the churches are God's ordained leaders of the churches. The revivals must be Christ-honoring and church-honoring and must be constructive. The laymen and the evangelists working with THE SWORD OF THE LORD are definitely committed to back up Bible-believing churches and to strengthen such pastors and churches. Definite plans are made so that such cooperating churches will have every opportunity to

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enlist the new converts and to enhance their influence in the communities where such campaigns as we plan are held.

3. We have agreement of some twenty-five of the leading soul-winning evangelists in America to help in such campaigns in the Carolinas this fall, provided that they are invited by local campaign committees to serve. THE SWORD OF THE LORD workers will welcome these evangelists. But we will cooperate with other evangelists selected by local committees, provided such evangelists are proven, sound in doctrine, Spirit-filled, experienced soul winners, and brotherly and cooperative. The National Laymen's Evangelistic Association officers agreed thoroughly with THE SWORD OF THE LORD position and asked us and the fine evangelists associated with THE SWORD OF THE LORD and with the Sword of the Lord Conferences on Evangelism as to the type of evangelists that should be used.

4. All the evangelists recommended by THE SWORD OF THE LORD in these campaigns will have agreed on a very strict code of ethics. They will not set any price on their services nor raise their own offerings; they will not write back to people contacted in these meetings, asking for money; they will not use these campaigns as a means of returning later to the same cities to set up independent works of their own; they will cooperate with the pastors and churches.

5. September, October and November are the months chosen for most of these campaigns. We should like to have them all at the same time, but there will not be enough proven evangelists in America of suitable caliber for so many campaigns, and besides, local conditions in differing cities sometimes make a difference in dates imperative. A few campaigns will begin before September and a few will run into December.

6. It is hoped that more than fifty union, city-wide or town-wide cooperative union revivals can be organized. An effort will be made to organize a union revival campaign in every city and town in North and South Carolina with 10,000 or more population. But we are having earnest entreaties to come to many towns of less than 10,000 population. It now seems that if advance workers could be secured to do the work, and if the money were available for expenses, that pastors and churches in at least one hundred cities and towns will gladly cooperate for union campaigns. Oh, pray the Lord of harvest to send the workers and the means to care for them!

7. Three full-time advance men are on the field as this is written. They are Mr. W. F. (Bill) Mann, who, acting for the National Laymen's Association and THE SWORD OF THE LORD group of evangelists, is supervising the advance work and the organizational work of the whole program; Dr. Harrison M. Pierce, Christian physician and surgeon, formerly of Santa Barbara, California, and Buffalo, New York, who is now in the Carolinas with Mrs. Pierce; and Evangelist Bob Woolley of Durham, North Carolina, also giving full time to this work.

Besides the above, Rev. Grady Wilson who works frequently with the National Laymen's Association will work under Mr. Mann's direction. Mr. Clifford Smith, manufacturer and noted Christian layman of Los Angeles, will be in the Carolinas beginning Monday, April 21, to help in such organizational work. Mr. George Hargett, representative of Dr. Hyman Appelman, will help organize Dr. Appelman's campaigns, and we hope some others. We also trust that Mr.

Willis Haymaker, long associated with Dr. Bob Jones, will be able to spend some time helping us organize these campaigns.

This set-up work will involve great expense. THE SWORD OF THE LORD and this editor will be directly financially accountable. Help will come from one-night stands of evangelists, and eventually we trust that each community that has a campaign will bear a proportionate part of the advance men's salary and expense. We covet your earnest prayers that we may have wisdom and men and financial provision for this mighty work.

8. A great series of one-night stands are planned in the immediate future. These are to promote united planning and prayer for fall campaigns. Dr. Hyman Appelman had wonderful services in Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, and we trust that these two splendid cities will be able to secure Dr. Appelman for the great campaigns which they desire. This mighty soul winner will be back in the Carolinas to help sell revival plans to pastors and churches and we know that great crowds will attend his ministry everywhere.

Dr. Jesse M. Hendley of Atlanta; Mr. Clifford Smith of Los Angeles; Dr. Robert J. Wells, associate editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD; Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld, assistant to the editor; Evangelist Louis Wunneburger of Austin, Texas; Evangelist Covell Keenum of Decatur, Alabama, and others will each give one week or more to cities and towns in North and South Carolina, giving one day and night to each place.

We believe that other evangelists who are planning to cooperate with us can be secured to give additional time in working up these campaigns. This editor is to go back for ten days, God willing. It is hoped that these one-night stands can enlist the pastors and laymen and churches and then further work will be done by the advance men and by local committees to enlist every pastor and church possible, to secure proper auditoriums, to organize and prepare adequately for the great campaigns.

Let any groups of pastors, or pastors and laymen in North and South Carolina, who would like to have some Spirit-filled evangelist come to your own city or town, write to Mr. Bill Mann, 201½ S. Tryon Street, Charlotte 2, North Carolina. Give population, tell whether laymen's group is interested and what pastors want such a one night meeting.

A Call to Prayer

We well know that revivals must come from Heaven. But, thank God, our Heavenly Father is interested in revivals! We are on 'praying grounds and pleading terms,' when we beseech the God who gave His Son, that He breathe the breath of life upon His churches and His preachers and His people. God wants to give revival. The dear Saviour who died for sinners loves them still with an unquenchable love and wants to save them. The Holy Spirit is One worker for revival who works without salary, who enters closed doors, who knows the

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help. The work we are doing is as much the job of you Christians who read this as it is our job. It is the Lord's business and we are all partners in His business.

You have been putting off sending a contribution, so don't put it off any longer. We have a definite goal that we are trying to reach in the next few weeks and we have got to have a great deal of help from you friends if we reach this goal. Send all you can, but send something. Have some part in the work.

We have just opened the morning mail and find one check for \$200. There is one check for \$25. There are two gifts of \$10 each and one gift of \$5. Several people sent \$2.00 and a few sent \$1.00 each. In one letter there was twenty-five cents from a Christian woman who said, "I cannot do much but I want to have a little part in building this great Christian university." We are writing this lady a letter and thanking her from the bottom of our hearts for this twenty-five cent gift.

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be evangelists in this campaign. But their usefulness depends not on human wisdom, not on reputation nor standing, but on the power of the Holy Spirit. Oh, for the breath of Heaven upon them all!

3. Pray for the pastors and laymen in Carolina churches that God will lead them in the organizational plans and in the hard work of each local campaign.

2. And I beseech you, in Jesus' name, to pray for me. Far more wisdom and experience and strength is needed than I have. But God is able. The thousands of dollars of preliminary expenses in keeping several men on the field full time through the next seven months—where will it come from? God will provide it if He gives us His favor. He will help to raise part of it in the one-night meetings. He will put it on the hearts of individuals to give it in Jesus' name, to promote revivals. A lovely Christian couple gave \$100 in a check that came last night, which will be applied for this purpose. But without God's help, the expenses would be overwhelming.

My strength is not great, but if thousands of readers will earnestly pray for me daily, I believe God will give me the physical strength, the wisdom, the means, to help carry on this work. The laymen, the pastors, the advance men all look to me for help. Pray, pray, pray!

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With the Evangelists

Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By EVANGELIST ROBERT J. WELLS, Associate Editor
Evangelist Rolfe Barnard in Union Campaign in Woodlake, California

In a fine union revival campaign in Woodlake, California, Evangelist Rolfe Barnard of Vinita, Oklahoma, did the preaching. The Baptist, Presbyterian and Assembly of God churches were united in the campaign. Services were held in the high school auditorium February 23-March 9, with great blessing. 120 people came out openly accepting Christ as Saviour. Brother Barnard is a mighty preacher of the gospel and God is greatly blessing his ministry.

Dr. Jesse M. Hendley Has Fine Revival in College Park, Georgia

Rev. Clyde R. McCutcheon, pastor of the Live Oak Gardens Baptist Church of College Park, Georgia, writes:

"We recently finished a meeting with Evangelist Jesse Hendley and his musical helpers, the Timothy Hottels. It was a wonderful meeting in which God convicted and saved sinners and the church was greatly revived."

"Brother Hendley possesses an abundance of zeal and fire, and love and passion for the lost. He worked as hard for us, a small church on the outskirts of suburban Atlanta, as he does when he is speaking to thousands. Thank God for his splendid ministry!"

Evangelist Lennard Darbee Having Good Meetings

We have recently heard from Evangelist Lennard Darbee of Seattle, Washington, and we rejoice in the good news concerning the Lord's blessings upon his ministry. In a personal letter to the editor, he wrote:

"The Lord is being gracious to me . . . I spent a week in the Salem Evangelical Free Church in Chicago, and the pastor, Brother Johnson, was wonderfully kind in his comments on the blessings received. They have invited me back for April 1948."

"From there I went to Bay City, the First Baptist Church, where souls were saved in real numbers and Brother Stowell, the pastor, says it was the best campaign he has ever had in his ministry."

Evangelist W. Clay Wilson in Catoosa, Oklahoma

Evangelist W. Clay Wilson writes: "I recently returned from evangelistic meetings in California and have just closed a great meeting in Catoosa, Oklahoma, with over one hundred confessing faith in Christ. There were some restorations."

We thank God for this good report and for the Lord's blessings in our brother's ministry.

April 7th Evangelist Wilson wrote: "Just closed a truly great meeting in Bixby, Oklahoma, in the First Baptist church. The fellowship with the church and pastor, Rev. I. G. DeVine, has been blessed."

"A large number of high school students confessed Christ when I spoke to them; it was an unusual sight. Yesterday, the closing day, eleven confessed Christ. The meeting closed with a beautiful baptismal service last night and a grand day all day."

"I do believe the revival fires are burning all over America in an unusual way. This is our time to get in a great way."

"Enclosed are some names to send THE SWORD OF THE LORD to . . ."

Report of a Revival Held by Dr. Clifford Lewis

"A highly successful meeting was held at the First Evangelical United Brethren Church at Anderson, Indiana, under the leadership of Dr. Clifford Lewis, evangelist of Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Lewis is a splendid Bible preacher and youth and children's worker. He spoke before seven school assemblies including Anderson College. It is estimated that through these meetings we touched the lives of 7,000 children and young people. The Booster Band meetings which were held after school in the church had an average attendance of 170. Ministers from sixteen churches attended these meetings and gave assistance. The night meetings were largely attended. Dr. Lewis was on radio station WCBC for morning devotions and WHBU and WCBC for Sunday services. 1260 people attended Sunday School on Easter Sunday and the church and balconies were packed for worship services. There were many reclamations, consecrations and accessions to the church and many family altars were erected in homes. Much work is being done in the way of conservation following the revival."

"A large city map was secured and young people and adults went from home to home calling on people and distributed 10,000 tracts. After a street was covered with tracts and visitation a red pencil was used on the map to indicate that the street had been covered. It was gratifying to see how much of the map of the city of Anderson was colored with red."

"Many musical organizations made valuable contributions to this evangelistic effort. The music was under the direction of Mr. Cecil Stephens who led the large choir. Mr. Stephens is a member of the local church."

"One can hardly imagine that so many complimentary things can be said in regard to one's services as has been stated in regard to Dr. Lewis. He possesses the unusual ability of being able to organize and mobilize the people and when he gets them at the church to make the gospel most appealing. No man has ever given more valuable service to this church than he. He travels around the world, his speaking to many college and high school groups, his interesting collection of souvenirs of his travels and his ability as a scholar makes him almost invincible. I would recommend him to any minister or group of ministers of large churches as the most competent evangelist I have ever had."

—Dr. H. L. Lanahan, Minister.

Evangelist Louis Wunneburger Had Blessed Revival in Austin, Texas

"Last Sunday night I closed the revival in the South San Antonio Baptist Church, and despite the fact that San Antonio has been referred to as 'The graveyard of evangelism,' God gave us a sweeping victory. There were 193 professions of faith and 78 transfers of membership by letter, making a total of 271 conversions and additions to the church in that two weeks' meeting, besides more than one hundred rededications. There was one man saved who, for forty-eight years, had said that there was no God. The singular thing about this revival to me was the great number of adults who came trusting the Lord."

"This week I am with the South Park Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas, and God is blessing in a marvelous way. Last night He gave us twenty-two coming forward, eleven on profession of faith. Please pray for me, my dear brother, even as I hold you daily before the throne of grace."

Evangelist Hyman J. Appelman Greatly Used in Montgomery, Alabama

The following report came from Dr. Appelman's office April 10th: "Special blessings were written upon the pages of memory following the three week Hyman J. Appelman revival held in Montgomery, Alabama, the latter part of February and the first of March. This revival campaign, held in the Montgomery Civic Auditorium, was sponsored by the Montgomery Baptist Association composed of eleven churches."

"Dr. J. H. Avery, pastor of the Clayton Street Baptist Church, was the general chairman of this series of services, while Rev. Elouett F. Davidson, city missionary, was responsible for the effective advertising and publicity for the campaign. Serving as chairman of the finance committee was Dr. Frank Tripp, pastor of the First Baptist Church."

"Records reveal beyond 1,400 professions of faith, with scores of

transfers of members and hundreds of rededications resulting from the Montgomery revival, said to be the greatest religious event in the history of that city."

Pastors Commending Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld

Rev. W. Payne, pastor of Christian Missionary Alliance Church, Sidney, New York, says: "We have just concluded a highly successful campaign with our Brother Del Fehsenfeld. I have never met such a zealous, Spirit-filled, humble servant as is our Brother Del. Our people have been revived spiritually, sinners have found Christ, and my ministry has been revolutionized as a result of this Spirit-filled and Spirited preacher. Evangelism and the salvation of souls shall increase with the ministry of Brother Fehsenfeld."

Brother Fehsenfeld had a most successful short union campaign in Preston, Kansas. Pastors Cal T. Lawson of the First Baptist Church, and Henry L. Dorsey of the Methodist Church, write some very fine things about Brother Fehsenfeld and this brief campaign which had something more than one hundred professions of faith."

Rev. Cal T. Lawson of the First Baptist Church says: "This word is given as a result of a union effort in Preston, Kansas. I am praising God that He sent Brother Del to Kansas and to our church. He is a fearless preacher of the gospel of Christ and the most willing worker I have ever worked with in my thirty-five years of ministry. May God richly bless his ministry wherever He leads him."

Rev. Henry L. Dorsey of the Methodist Church says: "Brother Del Fehsenfeld is just closing a union meeting here in Preston, Kansas. We have found Brother Del to be a man of God and a man of power in prayer. He preaches both the love and the wrath of God. He is brotherly, cooperative and acceptable to all our denominations. He is a preacher and a hard worker. We believe the results of this revival will be registered in eternity."

Dr. Bob Jones Being Greatly Used of God

Evangelist John R. Rice, speaking in Asheville, North Carolina, found fine results of Dr. Bob Jones' meeting there in one church the preceding week. Reports indicated that 2,500 people attended the last service.

Dr. Bob Jones, writing privately to the editor's secretary about another matter, said: "In Asheville, North Carolina, we had about the best eight-day revival I ever saw. Souls were saved by the score night after night. The auditorium which seated 1,000 was filled during the week nights and we moved into the City Auditorium on Sunday. Sunday night there were at least fifty adults definitely and gloriously converted. I wish I could have stayed another week."

Evangelist Eddie Wagner, Little Rock, Arkansas

Rev. H. J. Lacy, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oswego, Kansas, writes to thank THE SWORD OF THE LORD for commanding to him Evangelist Eddie Wagner of 1906 West Sixth Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Telling of souls saved and Christians reconverted, Rev. Lacy says that six of the new converts were baptized the closing Sunday and others were waiting baptism. He says, "The strong gospel preaching of this young evangelist was a joy to hear. He is very true to the Word in every respect, and it is a pleasure to recommend him to any church that desires good old-fashioned gospel preaching."

37 Conversions, Many Rededications in Evangelist Wirth's Campaign, Columbus, Ohio

Evangelist F. A. Wirth, 221 South Main Street, Petersburg, Illinois, writes: "God gave us a great meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in Lighthouse Tabernacle, March 23-April 6. This is a new work, located on the edge of Columbus. The crowds were not large, but the interest was great, with much old-time Holy Ghost conviction. During the two weeks there were thirty-seven who came forward to accept Christ as Saviour. Many came to reconsecrate their lives to the Lord. Brother Floyd Morrow is the pastor and a great soul winner. This work was started by a Christian business man a few months ago. He formerly conducted a Sunday School in the front part of his place of business.

"We are now in a meeting in a small Methodist church located outside Athens. There is a good interest and we expect to see many saved here. Praise God for His saving power! Pray for us."

"Good News From a Far Country"

By GRACE JEAN RICE

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country," says Proverbs 25:25. We have gotten so many fine comments from people in other countries that we decided to feature them this week, to judge the reaction of the people living outside the United States who get THE SWORD OF THE LORD, read it, and enjoy it.

People all over the world receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD. In China, in India, in England, Scotland, Netherlands, Africa and in the islands — all over the world people who love the Lord are drawn together in the fellowship of this evangelistic paper. Like the British empire, it seems the sun never sets on readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

From China

Of course, many of our most earnest and devoted readers in foreign countries are missionaries. Rev. John Bechtel (author of *Fetters Fall* and other fine Christian books) wrote us recently, from the Alliance Children's Hostel in Hon Kong.

"I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you for sending THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is a very welcome visitor, and is proving to be a source of great inspirational assistance. After I have finished with it, I pass them on to a Christian businessman who in turn passes them on to a group of British servicemen."

From Brazil

From another missionary, Rev. Patrick Sullivan of the Southern Baptist Mission Station, Belém, Para, Brazil, we have the following enthusiastic comment: "THE SWORD OF THE LORD is just tops with me. The sermons are the best. No other magazine comes to my house that brings so much spiritual food through the sermons as THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Keep up the good work."

From Canada

But not all our readers in foreign countries are missionaries,

work; may God continue to richly bless you in all of your labors."

From the Philippines

From Mindanao, in the Philippine Islands, Rev. Robert J. Gahuman writes: "Please enter my subscription to your paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I have read some of your back issues and found them to be just the thing that is needed most in these last days."

More From Canada

From Lac La Ronge, Sask., Nils Folkvord writes, "THE SWORD OF THE LORD has been a great help to me in my work amongst the Indians. I would therefore like to have another copy each week to circulate amongst the people."

And from Nova Scotia: "I think THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a splendid paper. It is the best that I know of. May God's blessings rest on all that have a part in getting this paper out."

One more Canadian comment comes from Edmonton, Alberta: "I love your true to the Bible teaching in your paper. I look for it every Tuesday and love to read the wonderful sermons. I will be seventy-two in January. After I read them I pass them on and pray God's blessings on them."

From West Africa

Superintendent Lloyd Eby of the U. B. A. Mission in British West Africa, "A good friend sent us, some time ago, a copy of Dr. Rice's book on Prayer and with it, a subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. We are greatly blessed by both . . . We have taught and urged and held revival meetings among our twenty native pastors. The Lord has graciously blessed, but we are still in great need. To this end my wife and I wish to send them THE SWORD OF THE LORD for a year, with the hope that the example of soul-winning sermons will arouse them and show them how to preach to the lost . . . I am instructing our missionary secretary to send you a check for \$42.00. Will you please send us twenty-one copies of the earliest issue possible?"

From India

And finally we go to India. "Dear Brother, I follow with deep interest all your activities as recorded in THE SWORD. This paper is a great blessing and inspiration to me. As a young Christian I find the sermon material of you great preachers a great help to me, especially when I am called at short notice to give a gospel message . . . It is my earnest prayer that all your books may be of untold blessing to both believers and unbelievers in this land, as it has in the United States. I am united with you in your request to the Lord that a thousand souls be won through your literature this year." That letter from Madras, South India, rejoiced our hearts.

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OVER 600 CONVERTED IN RICE UNION MEETINGS IN SAN PEDRO

By REV. CLYDE PAUL WHITE, Pastor
First Baptist Church, San Pedro, Calif.

On Easter Sunday, April 6th, the concluding services of a month long Union Evangelistic Campaign led by Dr. John R. Rice, Editor of *The Sword of the Lord*, were held. Dr. Rice was ably assisted in the meetings by Dr. Harry D. Clarke, Welsh baritone, formerly associated with Billy Sunday. Twenty-three harbor area churches located in San Pedro, Lomita and Wilmington co-operated in the meetings. The attendance averaged approximately 900 for the evening services held in a large tent, located at 5th and Center in San Pedro, just 2 blocks from 6th and Beacon, which was written up in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" feature as the toughest corner in the world. Noon meetings were held in various San Pedro churches and averaged about 110 in attendance.

Dr. Rice's advance men, Dr. Harrison M. Pierce and Mr. Bill Mann, both gave splendid service in the organization and preparatory work of the campaign. Mrs. Harry D. Clarke played for the campaign rendering invaluable service.

Dr. Rice taught on Prayer, Soul winning and the Holy Spirit at his noon services. His evening messages were powerful, Scripture-packed sermons used of God to convict and save sinners under the Spirit's power. More than 600 people registered their decision for Christ as they passed through the inquiry room. It had been stated that mass evangelism could never be carried on a large scale in San Pedro, but this campaign definitely proves otherwise.

The local leadership of the campaign was as follows:

- Rev. Fred Ross—First Methodist, San Pedro—General Chairman.
- Rev. Percy T. King, Assembly of God, Lomita, Vice Chairman and music committee.
- Rev. Clyde Paul White—First

There were several unusual features about the campaign:

1. There was not a single night service in the tent without decisions.
2. Whites and colored people mingled freely with no prejudice.
3. A street parade of more than 100 cars length was held one Saturday afternoon.
4. The great chorus choir, with sometimes over 200 voices and under Dr. Clarke, thrilled every one with their singing.
5. The children's meetings held Saturday afternoon were attended by as many as 650 children at one service and yielded many decisions.

No community in our country will go wrong in securing Dr. Rice for a great union Campaign.

Subscriptions Pouring In!

Some weeks ago I wrote a letter to each subscriber of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, trying to lay on the heart of you readers the burden I have for the spread of this revival weekly. I told you about the unusual burden I have carried for the last year with my health somewhat impaired, with the addition of great responsibilities laid on me in union revival campaigns and in spearheading the cause of mass evangelism in America, as a group of leading evangelists asked me to do in *The Sword of the Lord Conference* on Evangelism at Winona Lake last year. I urged that every subscriber send in at least one subscription at \$2.00 a year.

The response has been wonderful. Many hundreds of subscriptions, yes, thousands of subscriptions, have come in as a result of that letter. I get a daily report from the office wherever I am, and I have thanked God every day to see reports that sometimes two hundred subscriptions or more a day have been received. Thank every one of you for joining me in this heavy, heavy burden.

Let me remind readers again that *The Sword of the Lord Foundation* is now incorporated not for profit, with a charter from the State of Illinois. I have signed over to *The Sword of the Lord Foundation* the building for *Sword of the Lord Publishers*, the desks, typewriters, adding machines, cash register, scales, Addressograph, Multilith, Graphotype, files, supplies, etc. in the *Sword* office. I have signed over to *The Sword of the Lord Foundation* stocks of books totalling many, many thousands of dollars. The Book Store stock and fixtures, all the supplies, the *The Sword Book Club* stock and supplies were signed over to *The Sword of the Lord Foundation*. A total valuation of away over \$100,000 was involved, and even when we take into consideration debts an building and stock,

etc. we have a net worth approaching \$75,000, at the most modest estimate. That does not include any valuation whatever on subscriptions, or good will, but only actual property turned over to *The Sword of the Lord Foundation*. I say all this, first, that you may know the truth; second, that you may believe me when I say that I have no selfish motive whatever in asking you to help me get subscriptions for *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

I do not personally own *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* any longer. I do not get a penny of salary as editor, nor a penny of income as the publisher of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*, nor a cent of royalty from *Sword of the Lord Publishers* for my books.

So I come to the readers with an earnest entreaty that you send in subscriptions. Let every reader consider it a solemn duty to help spread the revival message of *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*. In Jesus' name, send at least one subscription! Send *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* to a relative, to your pastor, to a young convert and his family, to some Christian leader, teacher, or church official who would be blessed and influenced by the revival note in this paper. Last year seventy-two people wrote that they were saved through these messages in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* alone. I believe there were hundreds of others saved through these messages who did not write.

A Methodist pastor writes that he was saved from modernism through this paper, that he has now begun preaching the gospel, that handful of others in his church have joined him in prayer for a great revival. A southern Baptist pastor writes that *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* has been the greatest single influence to strengthen his ministry, in all the realm of Christian literature. Many grateful pastors write to tell of genuine revivals, which

'Gospel Crusaders' Available for Tent Campaigns

By the Editor

Evangelist Kenneth A. Chapman and gospel singers, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Walker, have united to form an evangelistic party, "The Gospel Crusaders." They have bought a tent, portable seats, public address system, electric wiring and songbooks. The tent seats about four hundred.

The Chapman-Walker party will be available for tent campaigns under the auspices of churches or groups of churches. They do not plan to have campaigns independent of churches. They will come on the free-will offering plan, without obligating the local church for any specific amounts.

Brother Chapman is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, and we believe him to be sound in the faith, fervent in spirit, who is in accord with the evangelistic ethics and standards upheld by *The Sword of the Lord*, and we expect God to continue blessing his ministry with many, many souls.

Some Commendations of Evangelist Chapman

"I am happy to recommend Brother Kenneth Chapman as an evangelist who is willing to put forth effort in calling, prayer, sweat and tears; his sermons are packed with Scripture and power, watered with tears, and delivered in dependence upon and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We had the best revival in our church in twenty years during our two-week meeting with Brother Chapman. Souls were saved, backsliders restored, Christians stirred to soul-winning and establishing family altars."

Rev. Harold E. Doyle, Pastor Pine Street Christian Union Church, Newark, Ohio.

"Brother Chapman is an exceptional soul winner, always doing very special personal work by visitation and prayer in homes. Under my observation in meetings conducted by him, souls were stirred under the power of the gospel and many were saved. A man of amazing tact as an evangelist, good judgment, will inspire confidence and respect in any place where he might be called."

Rev. J. H. Edward Mayfield, Pastor First Baptist Church Columbus, Kentucky

"He is a faithful personal worker, with great success and

came about because their preaching was influenced through the messages in *THE SWORD OF THE LORD*.

We know what *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* will do to homes and communities where it is spread prayerfully. So, in Christ's dear name I asked you to SEND AT LEAST ONE SUBSCRIPTION! And do it today, please.

Burdened with the duties of preaching several times daily in great revival campaigns, with the answering of a heavy mail, with the planning and constant labor of trying to set up campaigns all over the Carolinas for many evangelists during the fall months, I must have your help to make *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* what it ought to be. I will count on you to send at least one subscription. Do it if it takes sacrifice! If you cannot send *THE SWORD OF THE LORD* at \$2.00 a year, send \$1.00 to pay for somebody's subscription for six months.

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In His name and work, your brother,

JOHN R. RICE.

Reports From Marion, Ohio, Campaign

In a letter to Editor John R. Rice, who held a union campaign in Marion, Ohio, February 18 through March 5, Rev. R. W. Faulkner, who was chairman of the campaign, and is pastor of the large Calvary Evangelical United Brethren Church, enclosed testimonies from three other pastors. Brother Faulkner says:

"I want to express my appreciation for the splendid service that you rendered while in Marion and for the privilege of working with you in the campaign. Enclosed are three testimonials which you requested some time ago."

Rev. Garrison Roebuck, Pastor First Evangelical United Brethren Church, Marion, says:

"I consider the result of the John R. Rice and Harry Clarke revival meeting recently held in our city of Marion, Ohio, as most gratifying. The spiritual impact upon our city is very noticeable.

"The day of revival is not over and I am convinced we must use this method of evangelism, along with other proven methods, if we are to see the spiritual awakening for which many of us have hoped and prayed."

Rev. L. V. Baugess, pastor Forest Lawn Presbyterian Church, Marion, Ohio, says:

"I am wholeheartedly for the union revival for the following reasons:

"It is the most effective way to reach more of all classes of people, by breaking down any narrow denominational differences. And this will work if there is a general participation.

"Second, there is always greater power in united effort. None can claim the weakness of minor-

lives his religion every day."

Rev. Tom Hall, Supt. Seventh Street Mission of the Twelfth Street Baptist Church Paducah, Kentucky

"Brother Kenneth Chapman was secured to hold a two-week revival meeting at the Twelfth Street Baptist Church Mission. The results were exceedingly good. The evangelist brought night after night an old-time gospel message against sin, at the same time presenting Jesus as the adequate remedy for all sin. To sum it up in a word, Brother Kenneth Chapman knows the Bible and fearlessly preaches it."

Rev. C. F. Hinds, Supt. of Missions West Union Baptist Association Paducah, Kentucky

"Can gladly recommend him as truly evangelistic, exceptionally well posted in the Scriptures, skillful in their use, forceful in exposition, yet conservative in operation. I consider him perfectly safe in doctrine and feel that any church calling him for evangelistic services will have every reason to be delighted."

Wm. T. Lytton, Deacon Unity Baptist Church Benton, Missouri

Those who are interested in a tent campaign, to be conducted by the Chapman-Walker party, should write Evangelist Kenneth A. Chapman, North St. Louis Street, West Plains, Missouri.

ity, nor the ineffectiveness of partial effort. It destroys the excuses of those who would claim that the churches are divided and uncertain concerning religion. The general public will sooner hear the voice of a united Christian people.

"Finally, it is thoroughly Scriptural. The Bible leaves no room for non-participation in the harvest of souls. Jesus, on every count, discourages aloofness. He prayed that all His followers "be one"—united (John 17:21-23). Here are found His reasons for such united effort: That they may be perfect in One, that the world may believe, and that the world may know. When people are united in one purpose for God, then they may expect Pentecostal harvest (Acts 2:1)."

Rev. H. V. Falor, Pastor Marion Oakland Evangelical United Brethren Church says:

"I praise God for the privilege of joining with other cooperating pastors and churches of our needy city of Marion in the Rice Evangelistic campaign, February 18, through March 5. The great sane, sensible, searching, Scriptural sermons of Dr. Rice have been greatly blessed of God in arousing Christians to a new sense of our responsibility to be soul winners, as well as in bringing about more than two hundred decisions for Christ. Dr. Rice's humility, sincerity and faith, and the Spirits anointing upon his ministry have been an example and challenge to all pastors and Christian workers. Dr. Harry Clarke's song directing was especially helpful and inspiring. The effects of this meeting will not only linger long with us through revived Christians and transformed lives; but will serve as an example of methods that produce results in soul-winning; and as an urge for future campaigns of similar nature. May God richly bless all similar efforts everywhere for the redemption of souls and the turning of our God-forgetful nation back to Him."

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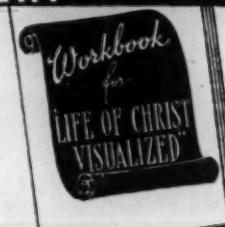
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Necessity of Repentance

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It is also said by Christ to be one of the most beautiful things in the thought of those in Heaven. So beautiful and wonderful is the act of repentance that there is more joy in Heaven on one sinner than repented than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance. So says the Son of God in Luke 15:7.

Perhaps you are more interested in what repentance will do for you personally. For your answer I turn your attention to Acts 3:19, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." This refreshment will be the forgiveness of all your sins as Isaiah 55:7 assures us, "Our God . . . will abundantly pardon."

What Repentance Is Not

Now there are many mistaken ideas about repentance. It is not regret. This is merely to be sorry for the consequences and penalty we had hoped to escape by our own alertness. Which, incidentally we can never do. Nor is it repentance just to be brought under conviction. Conviction is good but it may not be followed by actively turning from unrighteousness and sin, which God very definitely requires. A sinner under conviction may become rebellious and stubborn. Nor is modification to be mistaken for repentance. You cannot modify sin. Everything, whether great or small, contrary to God's law, is sin and will not be excusable. We have heard that remorse is repentance but this is not necessarily true. The greatest example of this fact is Judas, who, in remorse for selling the Saviour for thirty pieces of hot, dirty silver, went out and hanged himself. Had he repented of his sin, not simply repented of a bad bargain, he would have crawled to the cross, pleading forgiveness and there, from the dying Saviour, found his sin washed away.

What Repentance Really Is

Repentance is, as we read in Isaiah 55:7, "Let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord." And Ezekiel 18:21, "But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die." Repentance is turning back to God. Repentance is being sorry enough for sin to quit it and start doing right. Repentance is leaving Satan's side and saying, "As for me, I am on the Lord's side." Repentance is opening your eyes to the fact of sin before it is too late. This means that you are not to endeavor to run away from your sin but that you are to turn to God for forgiveness and then, before men, live a new life of testimony. You can not escape sin other than to repent before God and henceforth serve the living God.

There is an old story told of two brothers who were found guilty of sheep stealing and who had branded upon their foreheads the letters ST, representing "stealing". In remorse and regret one left the community for new lands. But everywhere he went he carried his brand and men asked its meaning. He was never able to escape the consciousness of his sin and it haunted him until it ruined his life. The other brother pleaded forgiveness of his fellow men and

received it and then set out to live a new and better life. A generation passed and one day a visitor asked a native what the brand on the forehead of the old man meant. The man replied that he was not sure. He understood it was a story of long ago. He added, "I do not know the meaning but I judge by the life the old man lives it must stand for SAINT." What a difference the way of repentance makes! For those who are burdened with the consciousness of some sin we say simply, do not try to run away; it will follow you and haunt you. We invite you to the Saviour who in love will forgive and by the power of the Holy Spirit enable you to live a new and better life. It is a wonderful fact that some of the lowest and most sinful, wicked and unclean men have been blessed, after turning from their sin, to be used mightily of God. Why ruin your life in meaningless remorse when in simple repentance you can find peace, hope and newness of life? It will be true for you as Peter said in Acts 2:38, "Repent . . . and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Repentance means, first of all, just to change your mind. Have you thought the way of sin would be profitable and find it is not? Do you feel the burden and curse of sins unforgiven and yet stubbornly hold on to the false concept that there is profit in sin? There is only sadness. First, see sin in its real light and change your mind concerning it. Then cry out unto God in the name of His Son as the psalmist advises in Psalms 38:18, "I will declare my iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin." Beat upon your breasts as the publican and cry out for forgiveness, and our God will hear and forgive. And then turn His way, that is, turn to His Son who is the way. Remember it was not enough for the prodigal in the pig sty to say, "I will arise and go to my father . . ." We know he repented only when we read, "and he arose . . ." That which you desire God to remit must be that which you leave off doing. Repentance means simply turning unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. May it be said of you as Paul said of the Macedonians in I Thessalonians 1:9, 10, "Ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son."

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